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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 4.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (amended) A method for monitoring an inflammatory response cascade in a patient comprising:

a) contacting a biological sample obtained from the patient with a CD163 capture antibody to form a CD163-antibody complex;

b) contacting the CD163-antibody complex with a CD163 detection antibody; and

c) detecting CD163 levels in the biological sample to monitor the inflammatory response cascade in the patient.

2. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the CD163 capture antibody is MAC2-158 or MAC2-48.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-4 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled in light of the amendments to claim 1. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration